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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –  
EXAMINING GROUP 1638**

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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 023070-099910US  
Client Ref. No.: 99-404-2

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

FISCHER et al.

Application No.: 09/840,743

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For: DEMETER NUCLEIC ACIDS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 5027

Examiner: KUBELIK, Anne R.

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 22, 2003 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

The following accompany this Amendment:

A petition to extend the period of response from December 22, 2003 through March 22, 2004;

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE);

An amended ADS; and

A Request to Correct Inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(b).

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Amdt. dated [insert date]

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.